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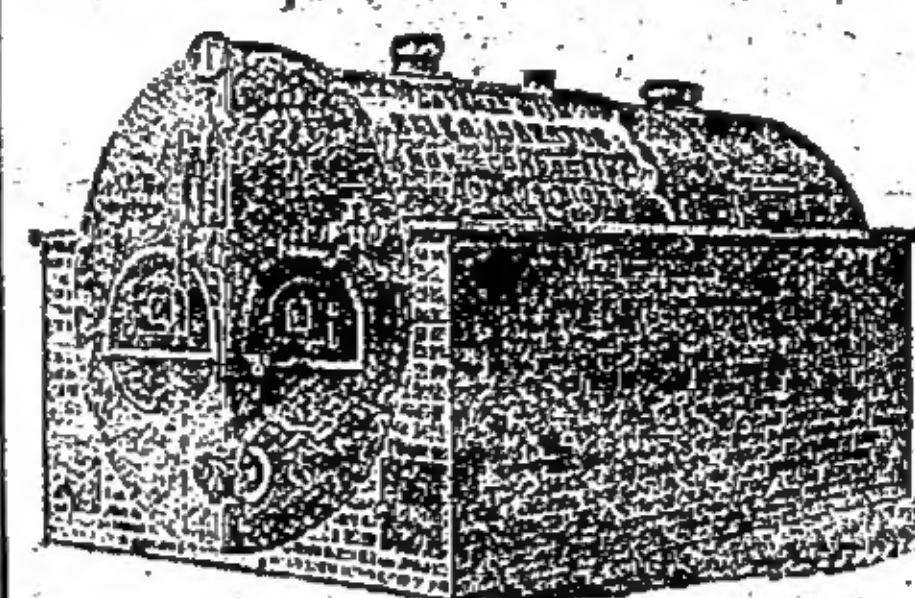
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Engineering," that the discovery of Ra-
dium should have immediately suggested
the extension of the theory of evolution to
inanimate nature; but it is curious to note
that mistaken ideas, similar to those which
clustered around Darwin's epoch-making
demonstration, found prompt and popular
acceptance here.Some of us may remember how
uniformly among the ill-informed—whether
scoffers or believers—it was hastily assumed
that Darwin's proof of the origin of species
implied the possibility of breeding men
from the modern gorilla. The fallacy, of
course, lay in supposing that the latter
was the ancestor of the modern man;
while in effect they are but cousins; and
all we can justly assume is that if it were
possible to breed a gorilla back until it
reverted to a certain primordial type of
arborescent animal; then from that primor-
dial type, given the proper environment, it
would be possible to breed a man.Similarly, as soon as it was realized that
in the atom of Radium we viewed a
complex structure breaking up, or at least
rearranging itself, into some new form
more stable under existing conditions than
was the first, it was immediately concluded
by the superficial that the transmutation of
lead into gold was no longer to be con-
sidered impracticable. It is true that as soon
as we deny the atom's real right to its own
name the transmutation of metals ceases to
appear the physical impossibility it
was before assumed to be; but there is
no more reason to suppose that,
because lead and gold were both develop-
ed from some common form or forms one
may be changed into the other; than there
would be to assert as possible the breeding
of men from cows because both were
descended from some common ancestor.The atoms of lead and of gold are
evidently highly stable configurations of
their elements, just as are the species *homo*
and *homo* in our zoological classification.
There are, however, two possibilities in
both kingdoms each of which demands
patient and thorough investigation.Just as the bacteriologist most rightly
directs his attention to the breeding,
alteration, and development by evolution
of the less stable and primitive forms of life;
so the chemist should hasten to examine
and attempt to transmute such "elements"
as give evidence of the fact that their atoms
are trembling upon the verge of equilibrium.
Of such there are several in addition to
Radium.The second possibility—thus much
more remote—is connected with the prac-
ticability of so altering the environment of
a stable form as to render it no longer
stable.The practical outcome of such considera-
tions is the deflection of misdirected energy
into more useful paths. It is true that
unexpected discoveries have been
made by those in pursuit of purely imagin-
ary questions; but that in no way justifies
the search. The same amount of labour well
directed would have gained far more of
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7.30 a.m. to 9.30 a.m., Every 10 minutes.
9.30 a.m. to 11.00 a.m., Every 15 minutes.
11.00 a.m. to 12.45 p.m., Every 15 minutes.
12.45 p.m. to 1.15 p.m., Every 10 minutes.
1.15 p.m. to 1.45 p.m., Every 15 minutes.
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Writing while the waiters' strike was progressing in Paris a correspondent of an English paper said:—*"The great mousterie question is agitating Paris. There has been a series of strikes which Parisians have laughed at and endured philosophically. But the time has come for tears, the day of laughter has passed. Paris might be darkness, and Parisians enjoyed merry-making with candles stuck in bottles. Paris might be threatened with a strike of the familiar trades' employees, and Paris might have shopping." Rich dyspeptics stable crows in their gardens; vegetarians are alleged, sowed fresh plots of grass. Great bodies of troops appeared through official error in the streets. Paris shrugged its shoulders, remarked that the revolution had come at last and went about its business: But Paris is confronted with a new and dreadful possibility. The Cafés may be closed, And this all arises from the great mousterie question."* Nearly all the employers forbid the waiters to appear in their posts if they are not clad shaven. The iniquitous rule and other grievances have led to the proclamation of a waiters' strike. The movement shows signs of hanging fire, but has already had serious effects. Several well-known restaurants on the Café Rueil, Paillard's, the Carline and the Grand Hôtel to close for a time on Wednesday night, and, on Thursday, messenger boys and commissionaires were pressed into service to replace the absent waiters. Should the strike spread, most of the larger restaurants will probably be compelled to close their doors until it is over. There is some talk, however, of using the army to replace necessary but indignant garçons. Further scenes were witnessed yesterday. At the strikers' day's work began in the early hours of the morning with a great meeting at the Boulogne de Traval. Fierceness in the suppression of "face ornaments" were delivered. "Down with the tyrants. Let us all grow mustaches" was the sentiment that was cheered to a echo. But deeds, not words, was order of the day. In groups of fifty strikers wandered through the streets. Splitting into smaller sections, they took their seats at the terraces outside the Cafés. When a working water approach they ordered "backs." When he returned with them, the strikers rose to their feet and chanted "Coward, traitor, police, why are you working? Cast off your yoke and come and join us." This performance invariably attracted the attention of the manager who would approach, worriedly, and declare that the beer was flat, refused to pay for it, and walk out, sometimes followed by a waiter who until then had remained on duty. The police, detecting the outrage, soon began to "move on" all the shaven men, presumably waiters from the terraces, and this caused a good deal of astonishment among such English-American visitors as had not adorned their countenances. At several Cafés the waiters chose the psychological moment, when the place was most crowded with customers, to throw off their aprons and walk out into the streets. When this happened,—"by the yellow Tiber, was terror and dismay."

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appear to have been so with the Indians. Like the Chinese they mistake clemency for weakness if not for fear. The unceasing vilification of the British has undoubtedly had its effect upon the lower and more ignorant classes and a very dangerous position has been brought about by the supineness of the authorities. To some extent, undoubtedly, the fact that a British Ministry which includes many of the "Peace at any Price" party is in office has encouraged the malcontents and paralysed the authorities. Mr. Morley, however, seems to realise that the time has come for taking stringent measures to suppress sedition. This will encourage the Indian Government to take such action as is necessary to indicate to the Indians that there is a limit even to British patience. We are glad to see that the Anglo-Indian press is taking a sane view of the position. "The Friend of India" urges the Indian people not to take the deportation of Lajpat Rai too much to heart. So many shrewd blows have been struck at the administration and so much misrepresentation of even their most simple acts has appeared in the native press that, our contemporary says, the party which desires self rule should regard with equanimity a blow struck back at them. Our contemporary seems to have, perhaps, too much sympathy with the aspirations of the Indians as it almost elevates Lajpat Rai on to the pedestal of martyrdom. But it suggests that there are two sides to the question as the following extract will show:—

"But, while we urge upon the people the wisdom of submitting quietly to the punitive measures of the Government, as inevitable incidents in the struggle for constitutional advance, it is no less the duty of the Government to abstain from needless provocation of the people. It is all very well to clamour for 'strong measures,' but it must be remembered that disorder, wherever and whenever it occurs, is a slur upon the efficiency of the Administration. If it is the first duty of the State to safeguard the person and property of every law-abiding subject, it is no less incumbent upon a prudent administration to ascertain and to remove the cause of the disorder. In Eastern Bengal, at any rate, the task must be inaugurated by a thorough investigation of the facts. We venture to urge upon the Government the expediency of appointing a strong and independent Commission of Inquiry to investigate the whole matter. The appointment of such a Commission, upon which representatives of both Hindus and Mahomedans, of the official and of the non-official community should find a place, would be a conclusive proof that the Government are genuinely desirous of removing the legitimate grievances of both sections of the population, and are determined to maintain the strict impartiality to which their duty binds them." The appointment of such a Commission would probably put an end to the constantly recurring troubles between the Hindus and Mahomedans. While we would not care to go so far as the "The Friend of India" in its defence of the agitation for self-rule we are glad that a British paper in India, at such a time of unrest, emphasises the fact that there is a case for the Indians which in justice must be considered. This should show the Indians that the dominant race is fair and impartial and is anxious to see justice done. Probably all except the most ignorant, and those who are wilfully blind, see this already.

Judging from the questions to be put by Mr. Shelton Hooper at the Sanitary Board meeting to-morrow there is something wrong with the Commission's report or the appendix. Were this a humorous journal we would probably say it looks like a case of appendicitis—but not being humorous we leave the field clear for others. We, in common with the general public, are unable to see the points Mr. Hooper drives at. We gather that something is amiss and that policy is effective but it does not

hope the Government officials will be able to satisfy Mr. Hooper and his fellow Commissioners and the public, that nothing below board has been attempted. If the report or appendix has been altered without the consent of the Commissioners it is competent for them to repudiate it, and in such an event the Government would be awkwardly situated.

Just at the moment there is an agitation for new rickshaws. The Government is cautious, and probably heard of Iphigeneia's plight. Here is a paragraph from a Malay States paper: "There was a strike of rickshaws coolies at Ipoh on Friday, in consequence, the 'Times of Malaya' states, of the rickshaws 'bone shakers,' many of which are ancient 'rattle traps,' having been condemned by the authorities."

Baron Goto, has been tackled at Newchwang by his compatriots who wish to see the decay of the port arrested. The rather complicated position. Allegations have been pretty freely hurled around by foreign merchants at Newchwang that the Japanese authorities, by granting preferential treatment at Dalny, were building them along the road to bankruptcy. This has been denied but the fact that the Japanese residents of Newchwang have joined in the chorus seems to show that there is something in the complaints. On the other hand it has to be noticed that if it were true that Japanese merchants were given advantages over foreigners there would be no reason for these domiciled at Newchwang to kick. They would be given rebates which would put them in quite as good a position as the traders at Dalny. When the matter is looked at impartially it will be seen that there is no reason why the Japanese should be blamed for endeavouring to make Dalny the port of Manchuria, so long as they afford all merchants there equal opportunities. It is hard luck for Newchwang and the anxiety of the merchants at that port to retain trade is understandable. But trade flows through the most convenient channels, and as Dalny is in every way a much better port than Newchwang its supremacy is assured. The geographical position of Newchwang, however, will prevent it losing the water-borne trade that comes down the Liao. Indeed, when steamers suitable to the shallow river supersede the junks it is quite possible that Newchwang will to some extent come into her own again. In the meantime to indulge in kicking against the pricks is a profitless occupation.

A few words of wisdom fell from the lips of Sir Henry McCallum prior to his departure from Natal relative to the relation of the general public to the Treasury chest. Having in mind a recent demand for expenditure of public funds Sir Henry pointed out that to many the term "Government" seems to mean an outside mysterious wizard, from whose magic wand people seem to have the right to expect that an endless stream of sovereigns will flow. They cannot, or they will not, realise that the Government means the people, and that the funds of the Government—whether they are obtained from ordinary revenue or whether obtained from loan—are the people's; and that, therefore, when individuals, associations, communities, ask for, and even obtain Government help—in the way of aids, grants, unremunerative works and what not—they are then and become objects of charity at the hands of the Government. In Hongkong there are very few privately arranged organisations subsidised by the Government, and consequently no charge of reckless squandering can be urged against the Government in that connection. Most of the expenditure nowadays is on services of utility, and the chief demands made for further disbursement are with regard to another typhoon shelter, a roof for Blake Pier, and a tree or two in the New Territory. These are legitimate demands, but the Treasurer keeps his coffers shut and the roof for Blake Pier and a few other things will not come yet.

SOMETHING EVERY FAMILY SHOULD KEEP.

MR. L. F. TURNER, of Grosvenor, Natal, has used Chamberlain's Colic, Cholera and Diarrhoea Remedy successfully in his home and writes the manufacture of this medicine as follows: "We are never without this remedy in our home and it certainly deserves success as it is worth more than you claim for it." For pain in the stomach, diarrhoea or infantile cholera, this remedy has no equal. It has been used in many serious and dangerous cases and has never been known to fail. For sale by all chemists and storekeepers.

LOCAL AND COAST NEWS.

Artesian water has been struck at Shanghai at a depth of about 280 feet from the surface.

Cantonese students in Japan have wired to the Grand Council protesting against the appointment of Viceroy Tsen Chun-huan.

There will probably be a Commission appointed to inquire into alleged corruption in the Singapore police force. Commissioners are catching—so is corruption!

The China Inland Mission has received since last December in aid of the sufferers in the Kiangpoh famine over \$55,000 (Mex.) and contributions are still coming in from many different parts of the world.

In the Tien Shan, New Dominion, there has been an earthquake. Many houses have been destroyed and a tremendous number of casualties has taken place. The local authorities are busily engaged in relief works.

It is feared that on the 22nd June when the opium dues in Shanghai will be closed the local bandits may cause trouble. Yesterday the Shanghai Taikui ordered the native police force to take steps to prevent any trouble.—Shanghai.

It is considered by the Chinese Government that the districts near Pakhoi, in which riots are taking place, are covered by the French Government and the Peking Government is anxious lest in consequence of the troubles at Chichow and Lienchow the French authorities may make large claims.

The King of Siam on May 6 received at San Remo M. Carolus Duran, the painter. The King was to leave San Remo on May 14, and, after a tour of Northern Italy and Switzerland, reach Paris at the end of June. He will stay there a fortnight, and will then proceed to London to visit King Edward.

Commander Mauger of the cruiser Chansy, who was injured in a motor car accident at Shanghai on June 4 showed some signs of improvement during the week. He recovered consciousness for a few moments and began talking about his family in France and then again became unconscious. On June 6 for a few minutes there was a lucid interval and some hope of his recovery was then entertained.

The many friends of the late Rev. James Bear of the American Presbyterian Mission, who died at Tsingtao several years ago, will regret to hear that his step-son Mr. Edgar E. Derrault has been drowned at Fredericksburg, Virginia, U.S.A., says a Shanghai paper. It appears that the young man, who was only twenty-three years of age, had jumped into the river with the intention of swimming over to the Stafford side, but sank before getting across. His body was not recovered until some hours afterwards.

Regarding the appointment of Mr. Charles Deuby, chief clerk of the State Department, to be American Consul-General at Shanghai recent American papers say that his selection at a salary of \$88,000 a year is in keeping with the President's policy to map out markets for American products in the future. Mr. Deuby, it is remarked, is the son of a former American Minister to Peking and during twenty years' residence in China learned to speak Chinese. A brother of the appointee is in Congress and as a member of the Foreign Affairs Committee has shown a decidedly friendly feeling for China.

Contraband of War.
Tientsin reports the capture by officers of the Assistant Military Governor of Jehu Territory, of a large quantity of magazine rifles of Japanese make in that territory. The firearms were in the care of two alleged Japanese and a Chinese and they have now arrived at Tientsin and been handed over to the Tientsin Taikui.

Hongkong Waterworks.
Our article on this subject on Saturday night was published in anticipation of an advertisement which we understand will shortly appear, inviting tenders for the construction of a reservoir at Tytan Tuk. We must apologise to our readers and to the authorities for having, through an error on the part of our printer, forestalled the official announcement.

Protoges of Viceroy Shun.
It is stated that two members of his suite, Tsoi Wei Hui and Yao Shao-shu, whom H. E. Tsen Ch'un-hsuen (Shun) took up with him to Peking and for whom he obtained important posts in the Yuchuan province when he was appointed President of that Ministry, are to accompany his Excellency back with him to Canton. These two officials are devoted to their patron and his Excellency was at great pains to obtain the sanction of the Throne to get them out of the Yuchuan province when he was reappointed to the Liang Kuang Viceroyalty. It goes without saying that there is no love lost between the people of Kwangtung province and of the city of Canton, especially, and the two favourite protoges of Viceroy Tsen Ch'un-hsuen. Apropos the "N. C. Daily News" understands from recent letters from Canton that there is much discontent in that city at the prospect of the Viceroy's return and that there is a feeling akin to desperation in certain quarters which would seem to bode ill for some people.

BY TELEGRAPH.

THE COTTON TRADE.

A Rise in Wages.

(Exclusive Service, supplied by Reuters, via Bombay).

LONDON, June 8.

A conference between representatives of the cotton masters and men has taken place at Manchester. A demand for an all round increase in wages was met with a concession for a 5 per cent. advance, but the employers pointed out that it might shortly be necessary to curtail the production of cotton.

SOUTH AFRICA.

A Better Outlook.

(Exclusive Service, supplied by Reuters, via Bombay).

LONDON, June 8.

The situation brought about by the strikes on the Rand is now somewhat relieved, and is so much quieter that the authorities are contemplating the withdrawal of the infantry, but one thousand cavalrymen will remain.

[REUTERS'S SERVICE.]

THE UNREST IN INDIA.

LONDON, June 7.

In a discussion in the House of Commons on the Indian budget, Mr. Morley defended the action of the Government in the suppression of sedition and deporting agitators.

Mr. Morley also announced that it was the intention of the Government to appoint one or two Indian Members of Council in India.

A motion requesting the appointment of a commission to enquire into the unrest in India was talked out.

HOME SPORT.

The Oaks.

LONDON, June 7.

1 Glass Doll.
2 Lamondia.
3 Lady Hasty.
The Oaks Stakes is of 5,000 sovs.; for three-year-old fillies, &c. each the nominator of the winner received 400 sovs., the owner of the second 200 sovs., and the third 100 sovs. About one mile and a half. Last year Lord Derby's filly, Fleckstone II, by Persimmon—Lock and Key won.

THE NAVY.

South Africa's Contribution.

LONDON, June 7.

The Admiralty has agreed that the naval contributions of the Cape and Natal, amounting to £25,000 annually, shall be spent locally and partly devoted to the upkeep of the ship provided by the Admiralty.

FRANCO-SIAMESE TREATY.

LONDON, June 7.

The French Chamber has adopted the Franco-Siamese treaty.

UNITED STATES AND JAPAN.

LONDON, June 8.

News from Washington states that France has offered her good services to promote a stable understanding between the United States and Japan. The State Department is dubious regarding the possibility of putting the offer to practical use, but it is received in the same cordial spirit in which it is made. It is added that negotiations in the near future are likely to only relate to the Immigration Treaty, but nothing has arisen to preclude direct dealing therewith.

The San Francisco incident is closed from a diplomatic point of view. The Standard states that the Government has decided to decline the offer.

COTTON.

A Large Order.

LONDON, June 8.

New York reports that an English syndicate, in placing an order for the purchase of 100,000 bales of cotton, caused the July price to reach a record.

Our Good Name!
All the leading Australian papers publish the following: London, May 17.—It is reported that widespread corruption has been discovered among the subordinates administering the sanitary laws at Hongkong. The Acting-Governor denounced the conduct of the officials implicated as being "unworthy of the English name." And we cannot even say the cable lies!

MONDAY, JUNE 10, 1907.

THE CHINA MAIL.

BY TELEGRAPH.
GREAT BRITAIN'S TRADE.

A Further Increase.

(Exclusive Service, supplied by Reuters, via Bombay.)

LONDON, June 8.

The imports and exports for May have increased by £3,400,000.

Imports have increased by £1,200,000 and exports by £5,200,000.

OPIUM.

Firm Action at Shanghai

(From Our Correspondent.)

SHANGHAI, June 10.

An agitation has been got up amongst opium smokers regarding the approaching closing of opium dens.

The City Tootal has finally refused a petition to postpone the closing of the dens on July 10.

Official arrangements have, however, been promulgated to purchase the paraphernalia and help the employees engaged in the closed opium dens.

ARMED ROBBERS.

In The Sinza District.

(From Our Correspondent.)

SHANGHAI, June 10.

A number of armed robbers have been arrested in the Sinza district. A soldier and a detective were wounded.

THE NEW GOVERNOR.

Arriving in July.

We have received from the Colonial Secretary intimation that a telegram has been sent by the Secretary of State for the Colonies notifying that Sir Frederick Lugard will arrive in Hongkong about the end of July, via Vancouver.

GOVERNMENT HOUSE
CONCERT.

A Small Audience.

The promoters of the concert held in Government House on Saturday evening in aid of the Sailors and Soldiers' Home and the Y. M. C. A. must have been greatly disappointed at the very sparse attendance. The concert was to have been held on the lawn but the light showers of rain shortly after midnight and the threatening aspect of the sky warned the organisers that the holding of an open air concert was out of the question. Consequently His Excellency Mr. F. H. May placed the ball room at their disposal and here it was that the concert was held. It was indeed a pity that the weather conditions were unfavourable. A great deal of trouble had been taken to render the grounds attractive and the many Chinese lanterns which surrounded the lawn and were suspended from the flag-draped staging, more than realised this effect.

The concert was slightly late in starting, as late comers were waited for, but by the time the first item was given there were less than 100, including performers, in the room. However, the concert was a delightful one, the singing of Mrs. R. H. Newborn ("Roses in June") and "Sweet Spring Flowers," and Mrs. Maitland ("Cupid at the Ferry") being particularly enjoyable, while Mrs. Lallo (wife of the Colonial Secretary at Mexico) received marked approbation for her rendering of Tosti's "Ninon," and her response to the encore was none the less pleasing. The Alexandrian Quartette gave "Keep down de middle ob de road," and "De New Year" with their usual success. The sweet voice of Master Stewart was listened to with pleasure in "The Wanderer," and he met with a flattering encore. "The Devoted Lover," sung by Mr. G. P. Lamont also gained an encore. Mr. Sutherland and his band, who were indulging over with laughter by his capable treatment of "The Ballymoney Conversation." As usual Mr. F. Joki's violin selection from Mozart received the applause it merited and the three selections by the Middlesex Band indicated the great improvement they have made. Messrs E. J. Chapman and G. Grimble were the accompanists.

KOREAN AFFAIRS.

Consolidation of Japan's Influence.

Tokyo, June 8.

On the heels of the formation of the new Korean Cabinet, which consists practically of Japanese nominees, Marquis Ito has now induced Ministers to decide not to have audience of the Emperor separately, but in a body after a conference at the Residency-General. The step, it is explained, is intended to make for Ministerial harmony, and to prevent individual Ministers from seeking for themselves Imperial favour to the prejudice of their colleagues and from proving false to the guiding influence of the Resident-General. No special action is required to understand the real significance of this measure. N. O. Daily News.

A SALVAGE CLAIM.

Aragonia v. Hupeh.

A claim for salvage was commenced in Admiralty Jurisdiction of the Supreme Court this morning before His Lordship Sir Francis Pigott (Chief Justice) and the Hon. Mr. E. A. Hewett (Nautical Assessor). The plaintiffs were:—The Hamburg Amerika Linie and the master and crew of the s.s. Aragonia; defendants:—The China Navigation Company, Ltd., owners of the Hupeh, her cargo and freight.

Mr. M. W. Slade (instructed by Mr. G. Hastings) represented the plaintiffs and Hon. Mr. H. E. Pollock, K. C. (instructed by Mr. H. G. C. Bailey) for the defendants.

According to the petition the Aragonia on December 6, 1906, was on a voyage from Moji, Japan, to Hongkong, when at 11 a.m. the Hupeh was sighted, anchored in latitude 27.16 N., longitude 121.25 E. The Hupeh signalled as follows:—"My ship disabled; will you tow me to a safe anchorage? Have you a rope ready?" The shaft had broken on December 5 and the ship had been unable to procure assistance. A strong North-east monsoon was blowing and a heavy sea running, but the Aragonia, with difficulty and danger, manoeuvred close to the Hupeh and these on board were understood to request to be towed to Hongkong. A towing hawser was ultimately made fast and at 3.35 p.m. the towing commenced and continued until 7.10 p.m. on December 7 when the rope broke and both vessels anchored for the night. Towing had been rendered very difficult on account of the high sea running, strong wind blowing and consequent bad steering of the Hupeh. In order to lessen the danger of the two vessels parting the Aragonia was steered inside Oaken Island, so as to get into smooth water, but this course materially increased the risks of navigation.

Shortly after daybreak on December 8, the tow rope was again made fast and the Hupeh was towed into Amoy. The total length of the tow was 270 miles. The Aragonia was delayed in Amoy by the necessity of taking in fresh water to replace that consumed during the towage and could not leave Amoy until December 9, arriving at Hongkong on December 10. The services rendered to the Hupeh necessitated the consumption of extra coal to the value of \$1,417.50 and \$201.25 had to be paid in overtime to enable consignees to take prompt delivery of their cargo and the charterers had to pay the owners three days' charter money at the rate of \$300 (Gold) per day, amounting to \$1,651.27 (Mexican).

At the time of the towing the Aragonia, an iron screw steamship of 3,324.93 tons net register, owned by the Hamburg Amerika Linie, and chartered by the Portland and Asiatic S.S. Co., was valued at \$45,000 and carried a cargo to the value of \$35,000, including freight and bunker coal to the value of \$3,000. The Hupeh, a screw steamer of 1,205 tons net register, owned by the China Navigation Company, was valued at \$25,000, and carried a cargo valued at \$115,000, including freight, bunker coal and 58 passengers.

The plaintiffs claimed (1) such amount of salvage as the Court may seem fit, (2) that the defendants be ordered to pay to plaintiffs such amount with costs.

For the defence it was stated that the Hupeh was anchored in latitude 27.22 N., longitude 121.3 E., and the only signal made was "Can you tow me to a safe anchorage?" The Hupeh was in no danger and the Aragonia had no difficulty or danger in anchoring ahead or passing a steel hawser on board the Hupeh. Defendants denied requesting a tow to Hongkong, but asked to be towed to Matsau.

After they had passed Tungtung, about mid-night, those on the Hupeh noticed that the Aragonia did not alter her course to westward in the direction of Matsau and concluded that the captain of the Aragonia had decided to continue the tow to Amoy. Later on the Aragonia signalled: "Adviseable tow to Hongkong, because Amoy not before dark." The Hupeh replied: "Prefer our harbour Amoy, entrance not difficult. Night signalling for anchoring I leave to your arrangement." The Aragonia then signalled: "I shall make for anchorage, use every precaution."

About 7 p.m. the Aragonia altered her course rather suddenly in the direction of the Tsingtau light and in consequence of the sudden jerk the chain cable on the Hupeh parted and both vessels anchored. The tow was resumed next day and Amoy was duly reached. The defendants denied that the Aragonia was in any danger in consequence of the towing, and paid the equivalent of £1,000 into Court in settlement of the claim.

Mr. Slade pointed out that in the main there was little difference between the two statements, except the signals.

Hon. Mr. Pollock:—We admit the signals. Our witnesses were not here when the answer was drawn up.

Argument was then addressed to the Court.

The further hearing was adjourned.

ARMS AND AMMUNITION
SMUGGLED.

PEKING, June 3.

Yuan Shih-kai has made the discovery that a British steamer, the Dora (7), brought out over 100,000 rifles and several million rounds of ammunition from Germany to Kobe, Japan, and that they will be transhipped at Kobe for some port on the China Coast. Viceroy Yuan has reported the same to the Peking Government asking it to instruct the provinces concerned to investigate the matter and also to instruct the Waiwup to negotiate with the foreign ministers in Peking on the matter.

THE SWATOW RIOTS.

Re-Assurance from Amoy.

Writing under date, June 7, our Amoy correspondent says:—

Up to the present this district has not been affected in any way by the troubles near Swatow, and so far the rumours of inland cities in the Fukien province over the Kwang Tung border having been seized or influenced do not seem to be correct. Indeed, it seems to most of us that there has been not a little exaggeration in the reports that have filled the telegrams. Country residents are quietly pursuing their accustomed labours, and do not seem disturbed in any way. Anything may happen anywhere in China; previous immunities provides no criterion that nothing untoward may occur in the future; but surely, it is most unwise to get up a scare on insufficient foundations, as it may render people callous when the reality comes to pass.

Our proximity to Swatow is evidently the reason for the advent of another U.S.A. warship, the Cincinnati (Captain Quincy) which came into port on June 6, and is still here. The Helena is also here. The Japanese cruiser, Naniwa, arrived from the Pescadores on June 2, but left the next day for Swatow. The Chinese gunboat Yuan Kai, also left for Swatow on June 2, while the other Chinese gunboat, Hock An, went on to Foochow on June 4.

AMOY NOTES.

(From Our Correspondent.)

AMOY, June 7.

WILD WEATHER.

Hot, steamy, close days have been the rule of late, with consequent thunderstorms accompanied with exceedingly heavy rain, followed by the announcement of a typhoon passing up the Pacific on the other side of Formosa. One day, just at the very height of a tremendous thunderstorm, a fine waterspout was seen out at sea beyond Chapel Island; it did not last long, but was a sight while it lasted.

The wells are full to overflowing; and all the rivers, streams, and rivulets are bank full. If we do not get a flood, there ought to be a bumper crop of rice.

IMPORTS.

From May 18 to 21, 68,205 gallons of Borneo Oil in bulk and 30,300 gallons of Sumatra Oil, also in bulk, entered the port; also 39,164 piculs of rice, 26,343 piculs of Flour, 32,500 piculs of Beans and Beans, and 236 piculs of Beche-de-Mer. For Exports, the principal items are 87,000 pieces of Hemp Bags and Sacking; 2,500 Kittysols, and 1,654 piculs of Paper.

KULANGSU COUNCIL.

A meeting of the Kulangsu (Amoy) Municipal Council was held on May 24, when there were present Messrs W. H. Wallace (Chairman), C. A. V. Bown, A. F. Gardner, Huang Tsin-chow, S. Okuyama, W. Wilson, and the Secretary (Mr. C. Berkeley Mitchell).

A letter was read from Mrs. T. O. Nicholls complaining of certain trees planted on the tennis ground. It was decided to inform Mrs. Nicholls that the trees were put up by the Council to provide a better light for the tennis players. That the trees at present could not possibly be considered a nuisance, but if, in time to come, they should prove a source of annoyance, Mrs. Nicholls should approach the Council again on the subject when no doubt the Council would endeavour to meet her objections.

A letter was read from the American Consul complaining of inconvenience caused to passengers landing or embarking at San-ku-chan Jetty, owing to cargo boats blocking up both sides of the jetty. The Council decided to inform the American Consul that the matter had not been allowed to slide as he states, but on the contrary had had the Council's most careful consideration, and that while they still consider that the trade interests of the Port come first, they will do what they can with cargo boat employers to see that a part of the Jetty is kept free for gulls and swans.

The Superintendent of Police reported that complaints had been received that cats were allowed "to stray" about the island during prohibited hours to the danger of the public—in two cases residents riding on the Island had been attacked by buffaloes. He was directed to call the attention of the owners of the animals to the regulation forbidding the straying of cattle before 8 a.m. and after 4 p.m., at the same time pointing out the necessity of having collies in charge who are capable of controlling the animals and whose duty it is to see the animals grazed away from the public roads. The Police are to be instructed to strictly enforce these orders.

On the motion of Mr. Brown, the Secretary was instructed to request the Commanders of foreign warships visiting the Port to give instructions that when parties are landed on the beach for bathing, the men wear bathing costume.

The Secretary requested instructions as to granting permission to Commanders of warships to land parties for rifle and revolver practice on the range at Commissioners Beach. It was decided, Mr. Brown dissenting, to authorize the Secretary to grant such permission, providing the officer commanding the party so practising takes all precautions for the safety of the public.

The Superintendent of Police reported that the following cases had been dealt with at the Mixed Court since the last meeting:—Summons: 20; 2. Branch of Municipal Regulations: 8; Assault: 2; Summary Arrest: 4; Assault: 4; Theft: 1, Committing a nuisance: 2.

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BY WHARF AND WAVE.

King Edward's offer to place a man-of-war at Prince Fushimi's disposal for the voyage from Vancouver to Yokohama has been accepted. H.M.S. Monmouth proceeds for the purpose, from Weihaiwei to Vancouver. She will coal and take in water at Yokohama.

It is notified in the "British North Borneo Herald" of June 1 that no harbour dues will be exacted for a period of two years in the case of vessels calling at Sandakan for Coal for bunkering purposes only. If vessels bring or take away any cargo no exemption will be allowed.

According to the "Echo de Chine" it was only with much difficulty that one of the large guns of the Chanzy was saved; the remaining seven had to be abandoned. The crew was brought to Shanghai on board the Alger, the Brax and the d'Entrecasteaux. They will be sent home in all probability by the next French steamer.

Captain T. Ito, of the Fukushu Maru, which arrived in harbour yesterday, having left Amoy on June 5, reports having made ineffectual efforts to trace the nine Japanese who drifted towards Pratas Island about a month ago on the junk Tsaiwan Maru. The Fukushu Maru sailed from Swatow on the 7th, but the very thick weather encountered precluded them from making the necessary observations to aid them in their search. The Fukushu Maru leaves to-day to resume the search, being under the orders of the Formosan Government to rescue the castaways.

The trial trip of the new tug Roland, built by Messrs Carmichael and Clarke for the Norddeutscher Lloyd, took place on Saturday afternoon, and a most satisfactory trial it proved to be, for the tug maintained a speed of just over ten knots. Though not a large boat, for the tug is but 85 feet long, 16 in breadth and 8.5 deep, with a tonnage of just under 80 tons, she is an exceptionally strong one and gives promise of being a very useful vessel. Her sea-going capabilities were also tested by a run outside the harbour and here again there was nothing but satisfaction. The tug is to leave for New Guinea. After the trial complimentary speeches were made, the builders, owners, etc., each being thanked.

A NEW CONFIDENCE TRICK.

Subsidiary Coins the Bait.

The discount on subsidiary coins has been the means of defrauding Tung Fung of about \$160. According to his story he came to Hongkong to buy a consignment of tobacco for \$100 and on arrival here met Sin Ling who, pointing out the rate of discount on subsidiary coins, lured him to return to Macao for more money and reap a profit by buying subsidiary coins from Messrs Rutter, Broekelman and Company. The bait was eagerly swallowed and Tung went away returning with \$160, with which he purchased bank notes amounting to about \$145. Then Sin Ling took him along to buy the coins and just near the office of Messrs Rutter, Broekelman and Company fell in with Pun Fuk, who was to get the coins. Tung handed over his roll of notes. Pun and another Chinaman went up the stairs and both Tung and Sin awaited their return. But, alas! they came not, neither did the notes, and Tung, with a shrewdness which does him credit, called a policeman and gave Sin in charge.

The aggravated Sin declared that he had no hand in the theft. Pun Fuk asked him to find a purchaser for the subsidiary coins and he did so.

The case came on for hearing at the Magistracy this afternoon before Mr. G. M. Orme, when defendant was represented by Mr. P. W. Golding. The case has not concluded when our report closed.

THE SULPHUR CHANNEL
COLLISION.

Salvage Operations.

The Danish steamer Protector commenced operations on the stranded steamer Choising on Saturday afternoon, and it is hoped to have the vessel refloated within a couple of days. Yesterday afternoon quite a large number of residents visited the scene of the collision, but there was little to be seen. The position of the Choising had altered slightly, her stern being a trifle higher out of the water, while the bow had sunk correspondingly. The Protector was on her starboard side and a couple of Messrs Butterfield and Swire's large lighters, with diving outfits on board, lay alongside, one on either side. Two large junks also stood by and took off the cargo which was brought up.

This morning the divers were at work and pumping operations are about to be carried out to raise the steamer.

Work on the Verona is also proceeding apace. A staging has been rigged up over the bow from which workmen are engaged in repairing whatever injuries she had received.

A paragraph in our junior morning contemporary this morning announced the death "at 5.30 a.m. yesterday of Captain S. Simonsen, skipper of the s.s. Choising." As a matter of fact Captain Simonsen died on June 1, three days after the vessel arrived in port from Bangkok. Captain Rouchfuss is captain of the Choising and was in command at the time of the collision.

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SOUTH CHINA AND OPIUM.

Enforcing the New Edict.

For some time after the promulgation of the ten articles which embodied the conclusions to which the British and the Chinese Governments arrived in regard to the gradual extinction of the opium traffic, it was suspected that as far as the Chinese Government was concerned specially in regard to the growth and preparation of the drug in China itself, little that could be deemed satisfactory would be attempted much less effected. It is true, moreover, that, in some of the provinces, there was a disposition on the part of some of the officials, for local reasons, to postpone the duty of trying to tackle the opium question in the spirit of the treaty. This, we believe, was true in Kwangtung itself, where, though it was admitted in the abstract that it would be a good thing to suppress opium smoking, the present time was inopportune to make an attempt.

It would appear, however, as if suspicions for once were more marked than the facts warranted—that, indeed, in this case, there is a laudable determination on the part of the Central Government to attack the evil in a serious way, and try to eradicate it. Without referring to the opinion of others, though it may be noted that recently the correspondent of the "Times" expressed his opinion that the Chinese were in earnest in their promises, and intended to do something, we confine our remarks to what has been promulgated in Canton within the last few days. It is known that the fourth article of the arrangement provides that, within six months of its publication, serious attempts shall be made to shut down the opium dens that are now open in Chinese cities, and so prevent opium from being smoked in this public way.

The Central Government has recently notified the Provincial Government at Canton that this time is nearly up, and has warned the provincial authorities that there must be a serious effort on their part to see that this proviso is carried into effect. The result of this warning is that there has been quite a move among the higher officials, and a special edict has been published. This edict is signed by the Commissioner of Finance, the Commissioner of Education, the Commissioner of Justice and the Salt Controller. The edict itself is very clear, and its instructions are very definite. These instructions are further to be published by all the minor officials in the country districts, and made clear to all and sundry.

The usual warnings are uttered against those who, with the face of obedience but in their hearts intend to disobey. Further dilatory action is threatened with summary punishment. No hope is held out that any escape from the provisions of the agreement can be effected. It is said that shops must be closed at the time specified. The first type of shop to be tackled is that in which the lowest kind of opium is sold; in fact, the opium is often nothing more than drugs and ashes that have already served their purpose in better days. These are to be closed first of all, because they are the gathering places of the worst kind of characters, and they do the most harm to the general community. Afterwards the better type of shop is to be closed. Moreover, in wine shops, tea saloons, and houses of ill-fame no preparations are to be allowed whereby those who frequent these places can gratify their desire for opium. Indeed, it is without any of these preparations to make a clean sweep of the whole thing. Owners of shops are warned against allowing their property to be allowed for the sale of opium, for if they do so in disobedience of the edict, their property will be confiscated by the Government. They are therefore informed that once they must make arrangements with those who have rented their property, and arrange the rents so that there may be no hitch in this regard. There appears to be no compunctions of conscience in regard to the matter, without any one else has any need to interfere or utter a word.

Such then in brief is the strong edict which appeared at first from Peking, and has been received from the Viceroy by the higher city officials and promulgated throughout the whole of the Province. It is worth while to notice that, what, perhaps, could not have been effected ten years ago, will be much easier to-day. Public opinion in China as everywhere else is a powerful factor in getting things done, and where the people are oppressed or dissatisfied, it is difficult for those in authority to carry out their wishes as it is in most other countries. Ten years ago there was little or no public opinion about opium smoking. Individual persons in considerable numbers disapproved thereof, and were prepared to condemn both the British and the Chinese Governments for allowing the traffic to be so widespread. Now, however, a new era has opened. The press has made known the findings of Commissioners in Japan and the Philippines in regard to the effects of opium smoking, and the people have read these reports; have, indeed, thereby, been set thinking. Hence it has come to pass that there are many anti-opium societies in Canton, Fuzhou and other large cities. These first of all are the outcome of a growing public opinion, and in turn they assist in forming a public opinion. Therefore there is to-day throughout China a large body of public opinion against the use of opium, and this will greatly assist the government in its crusade against the use of opium except as a medicine. Of course the crux of the question will be the loss of revenue when the dens are closed, and there is no duty from the import of the foreign drug. It would seem, however, that there is determination on the part of the Government to put a stop to the opium consumption, and the results of these efforts will be watched with keen interest by many in the East, and with sympathetic interest by many of those who will keep themselves in touch with the trend of events.

It will be asked, presently, what is the intention of the Hongkong Government in regard to this matter. Even now intelligent and thoughtful natives ask what the Hongkong Government is intending to do in regard to the matter. Will it allow the use and the sale of opium while the Government attempts to shut down the dens in the mainland? There would be, it appears to us, but one answer to this question, and this answer is an obvious one.



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LONDON LETTER.

(FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT.)

LONDON, May 8.

France is doing her best to keep close to her influence in Siam, and I hear from Paris that arrangements have been made for the inclusion of a number of Siamese cadets in the French Army and Navy for a three years' course. On their return they will direct and staff a college for their countrymen a little outside Bangkok.

The papers relating to the recent treaty between France and Siam have reached Paris, and Parliament will discuss them with a view to ratification as soon as the Chamber reassembles. The additional negotiations in Tokyo for a Franco-Japanese entente, which are admitted to be proceeding by the authorities in Paris, are attracting much interest here. It is understood to give additional guarantees for the maintenance of the status quo in the Far East. We are on such good terms with both the countries that no anxiety is felt as to the nature of the agreement.

Prince Fushimi arrived last night in London and had a very cordial reception. York House, where the Prince and Princess of Wales, used to live, has been specially decorated, and rearranged for the Japanese visitors, and there has been no attempt to make the interior fittings according to Eastern customs. In one thing our visitor must think us a queer people. The Lord Chamberlain has barred the performance of "The Mikado," though no point of objection has actually been stated, except that certain portions of that delightful Gilbert and Sullivan opera amount to "buffoonery." I hear that a very high personage indeed—when that phrase is used it is generally accepted as meaning the King or someone associated with the King—suggested that during the visit of Prince Fushimi not even the shadow of a cause for resentment should be given to the illustrious envoy of our ally, and so the Lord Chamberlain and Sir Edward Grey have had to back up the decision as best they can in the houses of Parliament. The officials have, however, overstepped their instructions, and have barred the performance of the piece by even amateur performers in the provinces. This has caused hardship to some amateur associations and has made the decision much of a laughing stock. As to Prince Fushimi, he has admitted to an interviewer that he is not acquainted with the comic opera in question, and he appears to be considerably amused by the fuss about it, especially as several of his countrymen have lately seen it performed and declare that they were not amused in any way by the "buffoonery." At Sheffield it was played in spite of the declaration of ban, and doubtless the box office there profited accordingly.

There is trouble in the Government. Mr. Hugh Cecil Lea, a Liberal who sits for East St. Pancras, a London constituency, has developed a talent for baiting the Ministers of his own party when he thinks they are deviating from the strict line of their declared principles. I have some knowledge of this thorn in the side of the Government, and the fact that he has won his seat by the strength of his own right arm, without any aid from hand-quothers, does not lessen his natural bent towards independence. Now it is a boast of the Liberals when talking to farmers—that it was one of themselves, Sir William Harcourt, who gave to tenant farmers their chief safeguard against the depredations of arrogant game preserving landlords, in the shape of the Ground Game Act, permitting the tenant to kill hares and rabbits so as to protect his crops. Behold then, the spectacle of the Under Secretary for War in this Liberal Government, figuring as the bold landlord who has ejected a tenant, and who has no answer to this question, and this answer is an obvious one.

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mouth says he got rid of the farmer after a thirty years tenancy because he farmed badly and not because of the game. The farmer retorts by publishing a letter in which the pursuit of ground game is specifically given as the cause of trouble. Moreover, he has been allowed to take a farm close by on the estate of the Duke of Wellington. These facts came to the ears of Mr. Lea and he has been for a week baiting the Ministry by ejecting Lord Portmouth's accordance with the principles of his party. The fact that the Duke of Devonshire, especially in view of the Premier's announcements of Land reforms to curb the wicked game-preserving landlords, Lord Robert Cecil and other Tories, have joined in the game and though the Premier declines to interfere between landlord and tenant, or to make it generally likely that Lord Portmouth will have to resign, though he was useful in a territorial magnate's way at the last election.

There are two bye-elections in London just now. In Wimbledon the Conservatives are sure to keep the seat, and their candidate is a man of the old and constant type of Protection. He would have had a walk over but for the fact of the energy of the Women's Suffragists, who have put up a candidate, the Hon. Bertrand Russell. That gentleman has a thousand women canvassers to help him, but he is not a success when it comes to a meeting with them. He tried one the other night, and some wily Conservative carried a rat to the meeting to the disorder of the women among whom he left loose.

The other election is in Stepney, where the Protectionists are also likely to score. I understand that at some early vacancy the Conservatives are likely to put up Mr. R. F. Bellios, who fought a hopeless battle in Waltham at the last election against Capt. Norton. He is the son of the late Hon. E. R. Bellios of Hongkong, whose magnificent wealth always placed on the statue of Lord Beaconsfield on Primrose Day was invariably the chief tribute there.

England has scored in a tramway contract in Japan. I hear—Usually Americans secure the contracts for Japanese enterprises, but Messrs. Higgin, Allen and Co. have secured this one, which was given out to competition. It is for a full equipment for the construction of the tramways at Osaka.

On Wednesday the Lord Mayor presided at the jubilee meeting of the Strangers' Home for Asiatics in Limehouse, and explained how beneficial the home was to the Asiatic seamen who arrived in London. Of the 1,423 Asiatic sailors admitted last year, 1,400 found employment through the officials of the home. Count Matsui, on behalf of the Japanese Embassy, also bore testimony to the courtesy with which his countrymen had been treated at the home.

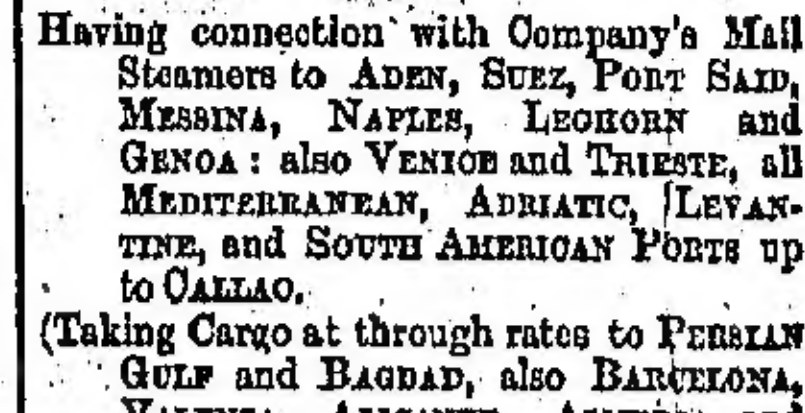
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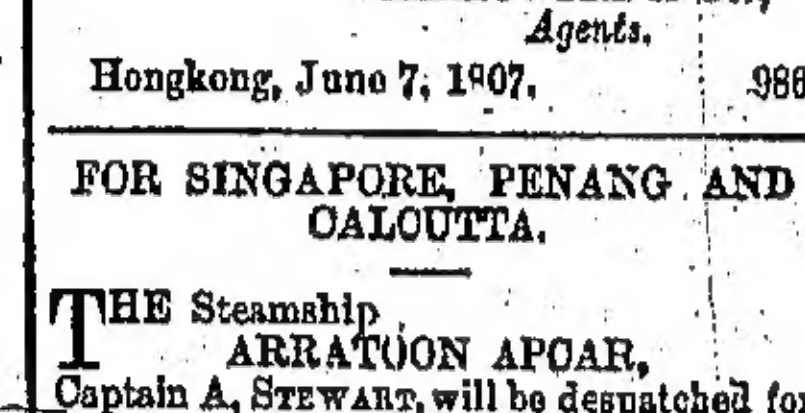
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